GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT EXPORT OF AGRO AND AGRO BASED PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of import and export of agro and agro-based products from each State in the country during each of the last three years, product-wise and value-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of agro and agro-based products from the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

a)& b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO FARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.338 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15TH APRIL,2008 REGARDING `IMPORT/EXPORT OF AGRO AND AGRO-BASED PRODUCTS`

a) Since imports are not state specific, state-wise data is not maintained.However, state-wise data has been collected for export of agro and agro-based products for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and is annexed.

b) Encouraging export is a continuous process.The Government is taking steps to encourage export of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils.Further,in order to boost Indian agricultural products, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA),Market Assistance Initiative(MAI),Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) etc. with modified guidelines under which the various Boards/Councils undertake programmes like organization of Buyer-Seller Meet, participation in Trade Fairs etc.Under these schemes the exporters are also provided grant- in- aid for modernization, technology upgradation, packaging and quality improvement etc. with a view to enhance the exports of the country.Government has announced Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana with an objective to promote export of fruits,vegetables,flowers,dairy,poultry,minor forest produce and their value added products by incentivising exports of such products.Besides, there are other schemes like Focus Prouduct Scheme,Focus Market Scheme and Town of Export Excellence.